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## Virginia's Agricultural Standing is Very High

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In these days of hard times and financial depression, when so much is being written about the farmer's condition, it will perhaps be a good thing for Virginia farmers to turn their attention to the bright side and note some lines along which decided progress is being made in the Old Dominion. For a better day is bound to come for agriculture, and it is the duty of Virginia farmers to be in the best possible shape when this day comes.

Virginia ranks high as an agricultural State. According to a recent report of the commissioner of agriculture the average value of all plow and cultivated lands in the United States in 1921 was estimated at \$84 per acre and the crops produced on these lands at \$23.70 per acre, while the average Virginia plow and cultivated lands valued at \$50 per acre produced crops worth \$38.60 per acre.

there has been an increase in Virginia of 4 bushels of corn per acre, 3 bushels of oats per acre, 30.7 bushels of Irish potatoes per acre, 20.8 bushels of sweet potatoes per acre, and one-third of a ton of hay per acre. These are splendid increases when it is considered that they are not just the increases for one year, which might be due to seasonal conditions, but are average increases over a period of years.

The latest census figures show that in 1920 Virginia was the largest producer of early Irish potatoes, third largest producer of tobacco, and fourth largest producer of peanuts and apples among the States of the Union. While there are 28 States that have more acres under cultivation than the Old Dominion, only 20 are ahead of her in total value of all crops.

Virginia farmers have also shown more progress in live stock development during the past ten years. The latest census shows that Virginia has more purebred horses, sheep, beef and dairy cattle than any other State in the South Atlantic Division. There were reported a total of 8,191 purebred beef cattle, 9,586 purebred dairy cattle, 20,867 purebred hogs, 3,785 purebred sheep, and 1,809 purebred horses on Virginia farms. However, the number of purebreds in the above classes of livestock is comparatively small, and a great effort is being made to replace scrub sires with purebreds. In the pure bred sire campaign which has been going on all over the United States for the past two years Virginia has more members pledged to the use of purebred sires than any other State in the Union.

To those interested in dairying the latest census figures in regard to Virginia should also prove gratifying. These figures show that in 1919 Virginia produced 110,942,113 gallons of milk. During the same year Virginia dairymen sold 8,007,298 pounds of butter, 556,583 gallons of cream, and 1,163,064 pounds of butterfat. In comparing these figures with the production for Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, it is gratifying to note that Virginia has a greater production of milk than any of the States mentioned. It is also interesting to note from a recent report of the dairy division of the United States Department of Agriculture that Virginia had more active cow testing associations in 1921 than any other Southern State. In 1916 Vir-

ginia had 2 associations; in 1918, 4; in 1919, 5; in 1920, 8, and in 1921, 10. There are, at present, over 3,000 cows on test in these associations in Virginia. This means that the people who wish to buy dairy animals in Virginia can be assured of getting animals from tested dams.

The poultry industry in Virginia is also developing rapidly. The census figures for 1910 showed that Virginia had a total poultry population of 5,684,702, while figures for 1920 showed that the number of poultry has increased more than 2,000,000 and the present poultry population is 7,860,488. Virginia has more poultry than any other State in the South Atlantic Division. The quality of the poultry is also being rapidly improved by boys' and girls' club work, culling demonstrations, and poultry shows.

Both crop and livestock figures show that Virginia has taken the lead in the production of many farm products in the South Atlantic Division, and it might also be said to her credit that her farmers are not neglecting the marketing end of the game. The most successful truck marketing association in the United States of long standing is located on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. In one year this association marketed over \$19,000,000 worth of products for the farmers in two counties. It is also of interest to note, in this connection, that the crop values per acre in these two counties are among the highest in the United States.

The peanut growers of Eastern Virginia have recently united with the growers of North Carolina and formed an association with 5,000 members for the purpose of marketing their peanuts. Likewise the tobacco growers of Virginia have joined the tobacco growers of North and South Carolina in an association with more than 60,000 members for the marketing of their tobacco. 28,000 Virginia farmers have signed a contract to market all of their tobacco through this association for a period of five years. This association is the largest cooperative marketing organization in the United States and its success will mean much to the farmers of the three States mentioned.

The cabbage and potato growers of two counties of Southwest Virginia last year marketed over \$200,000 worth of these products cooperatively at a considerable saving. The wool growers of Virginia have a State-wide organization for marketing their wool. The beef cattle and hog

## Washington as a Surveyor

Every school boy and girl, of course, is carefully taught that George Washington, before he cultivated revolutionary tendencies and undertook a career as father of his country, was a surveyor. The fact is prominently mentioned in every school textbook of importance, and some even go so far as to show woodcuts of the youthful George at work on the job. No historian, however, has thought to introduce in a school textbook any estimate of Washington's ability as a surveyor and mapmaker, and as a consequence the possibility that he might in normal times have become a member of a useful but not spectacular profession is rather lost to view.

It was back in 1747 that Washington's parents were confronted by the necessity of picking out a suitable profession for the young man. He might have become a midshipman in the king's navy, but outside the military establishments there were not many jobs considered suitable for a gentleman of one of the first families of Virginia. By a process of elimination, the career of surveyor was eventually chosen for him.

There was ample opportunity, a whole continent remained to be surveyed, and moreover, fate, which later destined George Washington for quite different services to his country than those which he rendered

ered with rod and chain, turned the experience to account, since it gave him the knowledge of typography so essential to the conduct of military operations.

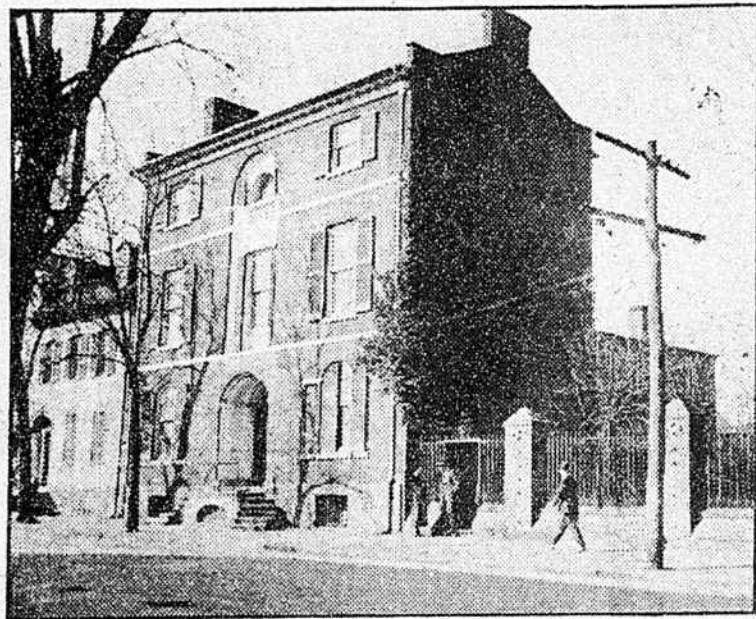
About 1747 George Washington, then only 15 years old, had completed a survey of Mount Vernon, the first of many he made of the beautiful estate. He also surveyed and mapped Alexandria in the early years of his practice of the profession. Washington's great interest in the welfare of Alexandria, which was the nearest place of importance to Mount Vernon, was practically his home town, and the ability he demonstrated as a mapmaker, shown by many maps which have recently come to light, lend credence to the interesting theory that he may have had quite as much to do with the designing of the National Capital as did the great L'Enfant. A number of maps drawn by Washington are extant, most of them in the Library of Congress.

The War against the French and Indians, however, interrupted Washington's professional career, and in accordance with a proclamation by Governor Dinwiddie, he left, after the completion of his military service, claims for certain tracts of land which were offered those persons who

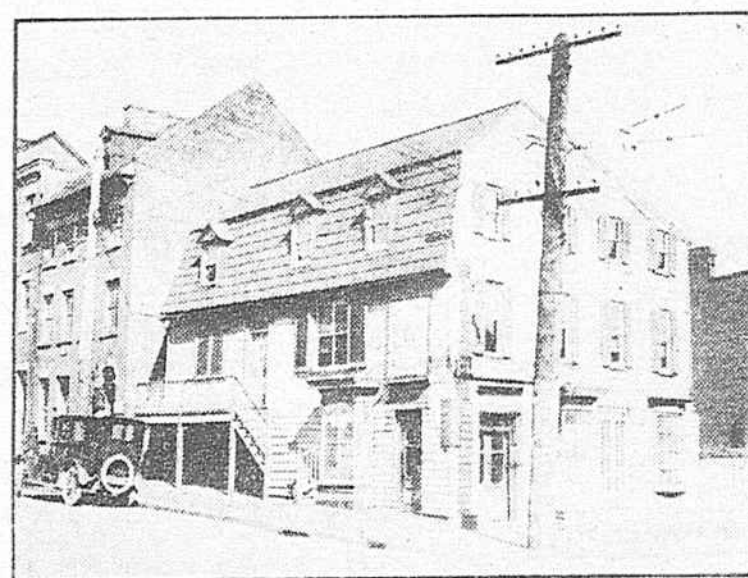
## First Public School

George Washington in his will endowed a room in the school building at the southeast corner of Wolfe and Washington streets, and the building is now pointed to as the first public school in Alexandria. Today the city has four handsome school buildings for white children and one modern building for colored children, and the city council was recently asked for an appropriation of \$8,000 for the erection of another building to be located near the high school. On January 1 last there were 51 white teachers and 2,271 white pupils and 11 colored teachers and 675 colored pupils in Alexandria. The annual cost of the public schools of the city is about \$75,000 at present. Capt. William H. Sweezy, who has been the superintendent of schools in this city for twelve years, was recently appointed by the State board of education for another term of four years.

had served efficiently during the war. Later he acquired the holdings of a number of other officers, and eventually which were offered those persons who



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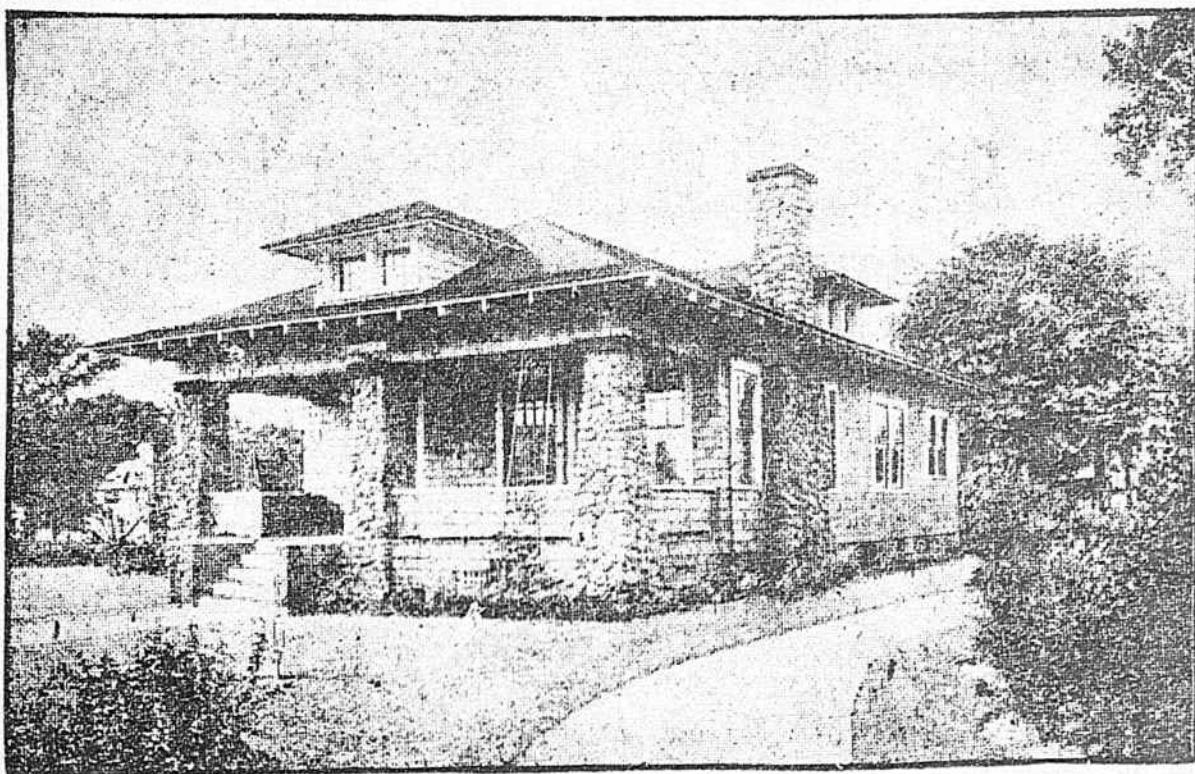
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